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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the requirement for a concise statement of relevance for foreign language documents, Applicants state as follows:

1. DE 693 13 740 T2
A grease composition for a high-speed rolling bearing is described.
(Patent family: Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 06-017079 with an English abstract thereof)
2. DE 196 53 589 A1
A grease composition is described.
(Patent family: U.S. Patent 5,840,666 and Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 09-169989 with an English abstract thereof)
3. DE 195 38 658 A1
A grease composition is described.
(Patent family: U.S. Patent 5,707,944 and Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 08-113793 with an English abstract thereof)

The above three German patent publications were cited in an Office Action dated March 21, 2002 in a corresponding German application (copy enclosed).

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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